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LSX-649  
21 April 1947

TO: Chief, Foreign Branch M  
ATTENTION: *[initials]*  
FROM: Security Control Division, Austria  
SUBJECT: Miklos CSOMOS  
REFERENCE: LSX-402, LSX-481, I-9590

1. You are correct in your assumption, in I-9590, that the Miklos CSOMOS mentioned in LSX-481 is identical with Dr. Miklos von CSOMOS, who in January 1946 approached our representatives in Vienna and Salzburg with a project to organize an intelligence service in Hungary to be underwritten by a U.S. organization then known as SSU, on a proposed budget of \$40,000 yearly.

2. *[initials]* provides the following information regarding Subject:

a. In January 1946 Subject approached Van Pelt and PREFECT with the proposition described in paragraph 1 above, which was rejected.

b. In April 1946 Subject approached Stephen L. Murray in Vienna and proposed to build a small network of informants in Hungary, for which purpose he did in fact receive \$500. It was explained to Subject very clearly that certain information was wanted solely by and for a division interested in the preparation of peace treaties.

c. A few weeks after the meeting in April, Stephen L. Murray was cleared to go to Hungary. Murray told Subject in Budapest that Subject's services were no longer required as an American representative in Hungary would be able to obtain the required information on an open and official basis.

d. Murray does not believe that Subject, either in January or April 1946 was associated with Soviet or Hungarian agents. As Subject is from Transylvania and something of a Hungarian patriot, his readiness to work with the American I.S. may have been the result of genuine personal inclination. Gradually he began participation in large-scale black market operations, smuggling automobiles from the

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American Zone of Austria to Hungary. As a result of this activity he needed Hungarian official tolerance and assistance in such matters as license tags, etc. He may have begun intelligence activity for Soviet or Hungarian organizations in the summer of 1946. Subject's last trip into the American Zone was made in the company of BOKORI, a partisan engineer, in October 1946. *ed*

g. In December 1946 Subject was arrested by the Hungarian Political Police in connection with the conspiracy case. According to an official Hungarian press release he confessed having been a member of the Hungarian Unity and, at the request of "a foreign secret service, had undertaken the organization of partisan bands if and when the Eastern and Western Powers will clash." Other persons were arrested as a result of his confession. Stephen Murray comments that Subject was never given such a mission by SSU, but that on the contrary it was made plain to him that in American opinion only insane and criminal elements could conceive of war between the Allies.

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